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In the minds of most Americans there is an indissoluble connection between the United States postal system and the railroads Mention the inter-city transportation of mail to the average person and his first mental picture is usually that of a railway mail coach. This is only natural, for the United States postal system was of little importance until the advent of the railroads, and most of its progress and improvements over the past century have been in connection with the railroads. On the other hand, the fact that railroads were carrying the mails resulted in trains first running on regular night schedules. This was probably about 1838, and before that time trains stopped promptly at sundown to avoid the hazards of darkness. Mails were first carried by railroad in 1832. A contract was made in October, 1831, with Slaymaker and Tomlinson, well-known stage-route contractors, to carry the mails from Philadelphia to Lancaster daily in four-horse post coaches. The mail left Philadelphia daily t 7 a. m., and arrived at Lancaster the same day at 8 p. m.

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A Recording by
SIDNEY BIRD

"What," my friend Blackie writes me 'is an average collector? We see a lot of references to this guy. Who is he and what's he like?"

Well, I've used that expression any number of times myself, and I think Blackie has me where I have to express a sensible opinion, anyway.

During my forty or fifty years acquaintance with collectors, I've met people of all shades of enthusiasm, some poor and a few of them very rich. The one who was most able to spend refused to buy a stamp that cost over $2, and the one who worked for about $75 a week would buy anything he didn't have if he could engineer it. Both of them insisted on having mint stamps, and the latter gentleman did his collecting in a junior album, which of course contributed a lot toward cutting down his outlays, but don't kid yourself that you can't spend a lot of money, a whale of a lot of money, filling a junior with mint items like Australia no. 1, $40 and who's got it.

The other man parked his stamps in a complete set of Yvert folio-size albums, bound in full morocco, linen-hinged pages, gilt edges, and all that stuff. I know, because I imported these books for him.

The amusing thing about the situation was that the two men managed to keep just about even as far as varieties were concerned, but the lad with the junior kept it up longer, the wealthy collector getting tired and selling his collections, just because he adhered religiously to this $2 limit and finally he got to the end of the string. As far as I know the other man is still collecting, but he hasn't got that junior full by any means, and even if he lives many more years, he'll never do it, because a lot of those things in the junior are just too tough—unused And any number of them are too tough, used.

My impression of the average collector is a man who can spend perhaps $200 a year on his collection, maybe a little more, and doubtless I am too sanguine, at that. And such a collector will hesitate, even as my wealthy client did, about spending over $2 for a stamp. Yes, when I look at the junior, I find spaces for the 5c '47, which will set you something like $25 for a fine copy; and the 50c Trans-Miss., which people ask a mere $9.50 for these days, in spite of the fact that it lists just ten bux. Well, I told you some time ago that Hugh Clark is within 5 per cent of market with cat. prices this year, and that's it—5 per cent discount. In case you think the price is high, I have before me an advert in a dealers' publication which offers $7.50 for any number of copies of U. S. No. 291, and if the gentleman succeeds in buying, and sells at $9.50, he will make a profit of 26 per cent, out of which he must pay for both his buying and selling ads, as well as his other overhead. And let me tell you, 26 per cent will NOT cover all this. So perhaps he will hold them for a rise.

In any event, this stamp belongs in the junior, and in my humble estimation, the junior comes nearer to being the book of the average collector than any album there is, no matter how tough it is to fill it, nor how much shopping around you have to do to get the stamps.

It goes without saying that the average collector must be a GENERAL collector, because as soon as he begins specializing, he steps into the company of connoiseurs and super-duper sifters and pickers, and he can no longer associate with the majority who spend $2 for a stamp, and no more.

Even if he doesn't use a junior, but fills B. C. spaces only as far as the shilling, he's just regular average, with uncounted thousands of blank spaces that never can be filled, while he'd have a reasonable opportunity to stuff them in a junior in lots of countries. That's the reason why wholesalers sell "short sets". They want to give the Juniors a chance. But they have to sell a lot of them to break even, and a lot more to make a living, so don't get unduly excited if you have to pay a higher percentage of cat. for a mint set of eight stamps to the shilling than you do for the 5/a, 10/-. and LI. for instance. Your dealer has to make a living, and no 26 per cent is going to do it: 33 per cent is about the lowest profit under which ANY dealer can operate and keep it up—without too much dealer turnover!

So in answer to Blackie's question about average collectors, I'd say that they are the people who do their collecting generally, in junior albums or something similar, spend possibly a top of $2 or so for a stamp, and a total of $200 or a bit more or less a year. If you don't believe me, check up on your own activities and expenditures, and tell me how far wrong I am on any of these counts. It will make illuminating reading for a lot of other collectors, as well as for dealers.

But on to the catalog, Vol. II, and way stations!

No matter what brand of collector you are, how many Andorras have you got in your albums? Not many, I'll bet, I can't find any wholesale offers of importance; and no wholesale, no stamps. But I DO find European dealers trying to buy them, and specialized collections, at that. The high-power Spanish, the top-value French of the first issue, and about half the long set of pictorials are the toughies, with the first and second categories hardest to locate, and the pictorials most in demand. I've seen one set of these pictures offered in recent auctions and it must have sold for close to catalog, because I know what ONE bid on it was. The fact that the big picture set consists of all sorts of color changes and additions over a period of TEN YEARS means that getting it all in one lump is hopeless, so pick up any items you can and don't hesitate to pay for them.

A pair of Austrian stamps which get my fancy are the two big workers, nos. 378-9, $7 mint, $4.50 used. A N. Y. retail list offers these at $5.25 and $4.75 resp., at which prices they look very reasonable to me: five years ago they sold for $4.60 and $4.40 in Europe, thus used practically as good as mint, which the price list reflects, but not the catalog, where the difference is 33 and 40 per cent. Wholesale of a year ago was $3.50 on these, but such a bid did not get them in auctions, and recently they seem to have disappeared. They are big, handsome stamps, and no one knows where they are headed, but remember things like 142-3-4, 322, 371, and 380, and govern yourself accordingly. And oh yes! I remember very well when I bought 100 copies of no. 127 for $50, and sold them for 75c apiece, and look at them now! And a small set that you should not overlook is 385-6-7, which I think are better than 382-3-4, but the boys who collect ships and locomotives are taking care of these rapidly.

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POSTAGE STAMP PARADE

JOSEPH J. GOLDBERG, Editor
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CZECHOSLOVAKIA-S L O V A-KIA—The final postage issue for the Nazi-sponsored puppet republic of Slovakia has just reached New York in the form of a mint set. The single design bears a portrait of the president, Dr. Josef Tiso, and the date: "14. III. 1945." The set is believed to commemorate the sixth anniversary of Slovakia's declaration of "independence" on Mar. 14, 1939. Values are: 1k orange, 1.50k brown, 2k green, 4k rose red, 5k sapphire, 10k red violet.
—Tribune Stamp Co.

ECUADOR—Commemoratives. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of General Jose de Sucre, a set of 5 postage and 5 air mails were issued.

Stamps are identical in size. All postage values picture the general. All the air mails picture the monument erected in his honor. Postage values are: 10c light green, 20c red brown, 40c gray green, 1S. green and 2S black-brown. Air mails are: 30c blue, 40c red, 1S purple, 3S gray-black and 5S dull purple.
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FRANCE—Semi-Postals. An attractive set of four stamps shows the terrific damage done to some of its most beautiful landmarks during the year. The

1Fr.50 plus 1Fr.50, brown-red, shows the center of Dunkervue, with a statue standing mute testimony facing a ruined street. In the background stands what might be a church tower. A view of the Rouen waterfront, with buildings along the shore gutted and almost leveled, and with a church in the background also damaged, was used for the 2Fr. plus 2Fr., purple, while the 2Fr.40 plus 2Fr.60, blue, starkly shows the facade of a church standing amid a sea of rubble. The fourth stamp in the set is a 4Fr. plus 4Fr., slate, with a view of what must have been a lovely section of the town of Saint Malo burned out and heavily damaged.
—Gimbel's Stamp Dept.

GERMANY—A.M.G.-There are at least 16 values to the complete set and the values of the complete set will be listed soon.

ITALY—Venezia Giulia-A two-line overprint, "A.M.G./V. G.," enclosed in a rectagular frame, was applied under Allied Military control to light different Italian stamps for use in the province of Venezia Giulia. Values overprinted: 10c dark brown of 1929, 20c carmine, 50c brown (airmail), 60c orange, 1L violet, 2L carmine, 5L carmine, 10L violet. This province, which is in Northeast Italy, consists of the districts of Carinzia, Carniola, Gorizia, Gradisca and Istria, and its capital is Trieste.
—Stamp Collecting

ITALY—Two values of pneumatic post stamps are: 60c dark brown of the Dante type (PN2) and 1.40-lire deep blue of the Galileo type (PN3).
—Leon Monosson

POLAND—Commemoratives. To commemorate the liberation of Krakow, a set of 5 values was issued. Values are:
50gr. dark brown-monument
1ZL. brown-statue of Kosciuszko
2ZL. blue-building
3ZL-dull violet-stature
5ZL. blue green-large building
—Mrs. T. M. Clark

RUSSIA—Commemoratives. On September 16th there were issued two stamps to honor the 200th Anniversary of the great Russian Military leader, Mikhail Ilarionovich Kutuzov, 1745-1813. The portrait shows him in his full dress uniform with medals, staff of office and sword. The values are 30k purple and 60k brown.
—The Moscow Philatelic Agency

SWEDEN—Commemorative. A set of three stamps was issued on October 27 to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the Swedish Savings Bank. The stamps are rather larger than usual and the design is the Savings Bank symbol, amighty Oak Tree. The three Crowns are in the upper

left corner and the value in the upper right corner. Beneath the Oak Tree is the inscription "Sparbanksrorelsen 1820-1945," which means Savings Bank Organization. The values are 100 violet and 400 olive green, Perf 13 vertically for Coils, and 100 violet, Perf three sides for Booklet.
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A HORRIBLE INDICTMENT OF THE STAMP TRADE

Dear Mr. Linn,

I would appreciate it very much if you would print this letter in your weekly paper sometime in the near future. It is not my intention to complain for after all, I am not an advertiser and I am not out anything. I am, however, interested in U. S. stamps and particularly revenue and stock transfer stamps. Some five weeks ago, I took from your News, twenty-four advertisements and wrote to each one asking for certain stamps on approval. (Most of these ads mentioned that they send stamps on approval.) Of these 24 to whom I wrote, not one sent me any stamps on approval and only three even bothered to answer my letter at all. I have bought many coins for my coin collection and always buy them on approval because it has been my experience that when I sent the money in advance, it was always a month or two before I would get the coins and in many instances I never did get the coins or my money back. For the past five months I have quit the coins because it has developed into pretty much of a "racket." Then I started a stamp collection! Is the stamp business the same?

Geo. W. Linn

Suppose that I had sent the money to those 24 stamp dealers and got the same results in answers?

Please understand that I have bought stamps on approval from Harris, Tatham and a few others and we dealt very satisfactorily. But these were not included in the 24 from your paper.

There is the letter. I am omitting the name of the man who wrote it, but can say he is an attorney-at-law, a professional man and one who has always had a good reputation as a collector.

I feel it is desirable to print this letter to awaken the stamp dealers to the fact that many collectors take their collecting seriously, they expect to be treated like a sound business firm should treat a customer.

SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESS MEN IN STAMPS

I am tempted to write the above headline after having read the above letter again and again. This is by means the first evidence we have had of lack of common business decency and common sense.

There is plenty of room in the stamp business for any business man who has sufficient capital and enough bright business ability to carry on a business as it should be carried on. It is a known fact that the stamp trade is cluttered up with many who pose as stamp dealers, backed up by small capital and a smaller stock in trade.

There is nothing wrong with that situation, the wrong lies in the lack of common business practice that is indulged in by big as well as little dealers. The small dealer, altho with small capital and with a small stock, will find his best asset to be a willingness and an effort on his part to reply promptly to all mail, to try his best to supply what customers ask for, to try to make a customer out of every man who writes to him, for it is a fact that people expect curteous replies and businesslike treatment and, altho your stocks may not have what is wanted, you can make friends by a courteous reply.

The stamp business is a hard tough game. Do not think you can succeed in the stamp business by shirking your work. It is a far tougher job than merchandising most other articles that are in the stores of your city for the stock in trade is far more slippery, in that you can not order from the manufacturer to replace sold out items as the storekeeper may do. You have far more to watch and you can get hung up much quicker than any retail storekeeper.

But, there is a good profit in the stamp trade and it needs more men with sound business ability and capital, there is plenty opportunity for such firms.

AIR MAIL COVERS

SAMUEL S. GOLDSTICKER, JR. (Dept Ed.)
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The first flight from Norfolk, Virginia, on AM-31 which was scheduled to take place on November 20th (Southbound only) was postponed at the last minute until December 1st, when service was inaugurated both Southbound and Northbound. Since time was rather short, there was no cachet or other philatelic markings applied to covers at Norfolk. Complete details will appear in a few weeks.

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Also on December 1st, Delta Airlines inaugurated service on its new Chicago-Miami extensions of AM-54 via Cincinnati, Knoxville, Ashville, Greeneville, Spartenburg, Augusta, Savannah, and Jacksonville, Brunswick, Ga.; was supposed to also be a stop (between Savannah and Jacksonville) but Military operations at that airport caused service to that point to be deferred. This will mean that when service to Brunswick is inaugurated (which should be momentarilly) inbound covers to Brunswick will also be listible, in the catalogue. An attractive cachet sponsored by Delta Airlines was used at many of the stops on this route.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club will be held on Friday evening, December 14th, at the Malin Studios, 225 West 46th Street, New York City Plans for the new CAM (First Flight) Society will be announced at that time (altho this new organization will not be affiliated with MACC) and all cover collections in the N. Y. area are invited to attend.

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Speaking of the new CAM Society, plans are to issue the first Bulletin sometime in January. This new bulletin will list dues, purposes and goals of the organization, etc. To those who have already written me wanting to join, your names have been carefully filed and you will receive this bulletin. To others, by merely dropping me a card or letter, you too can get full particulars. Send your name and address to SAMUEL S. GOLDSTICKER, JR. (CAM) 453 Mt. Prospect Avenue, Newark, 4 New Jersey.

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Precancel NEWS

BY KENNETH M. GIERHART
Baltimore, Ohio

Late Dated, the other day I received a 50c Bureau from Chicago, B-91 Dated MW 45. This of course is not unusual but I would check up and see what was what in the catolog. I find that to the date of issuance of the last edition of the Bureau catalog there has been no 50c Presidential Bureau for Chicago issued in neither Wide nor Narrow type. There certainly must have been quite a quantity of the old 50c values on hand for them to have lasted this long as Chicago is the largest user of stamps in the nation in my opinion.

Without Bars, the other day I was shown a precancel without lines or bars and of course was asked my opinion on the thing. It was from Alton N. Y. I believe. No one has given more than a personal opinion and that doesn't mean much on something like this. There are some precancel types in the catalog without lines or bars either above or below, this in case you don't know is contrary to the rules sent us as to how a precancel should be made. I always advise the party having something like this to hang onto it till some one finds out some definate information or till a catalog is issued giving information on the type in question. In any event research of a nature must be carried out to find out how such cancellations were used who used them etc. When a new U-Type appears there is no need for such proceedure as they are readily indentified. One of the big things in such types is to ascertain if the same cancellation was also used for post-cancelling, if so it is definately ruled. Many fine looking precancels have been ruled out of the catalog on such grounds. So if you have some precancels without lines or bars hang on to them till you are sure about their status. They may be O. K. A state speciali oft times can give you information a general collector cannot.

Stamp Club Promotes Interest In Philately With P. O. Display

Harold I. Hall of Chatham, N. Y. sends such an interesting letter telling of how the stamp club at Chatham promotes interest in stamp collecting, that we believe publication of the letter should help other clubs. It should be evident to any group of collectors that a live club in a small town is possible and practical if they read this story.

I read with much interest an article appearing on the front page of the November 15th issue of "Stamp News" about a New Mexico Postmaster and a thought came to me that perhaps there were many such places in the United States but that they did not receive front page because no one took the trouble to send it in to their favorite paper.

This small Village of about 2,400 people has had a Stamp and Coin Club for over five years (writer's membership number 3). Our present membership is 31. It has been the object of the Club to promote, as every club should interest in Stamp Collecting and to create interest in stamps by the general public.

To this end we started about three years ago with the cooperation of our postmaster, Mr. John H. Martigan now an honorary member of the club, to place a frame of stamps in the Post Office. This frame has a prominent place in the office, it being placed over the first writing desk where everyone entering or leaving can fet a good view of it. This frame is made up each month by a different member and each one varies according to the interests of the particular collector. These frames are the regular six album sheet size and are under glass. Members are assigned specific months for which they are to prepare the frames and hang them in the office. Needless to say these frames have caused much favorable comment and created a great deal of interest in stamps and in stamp collecting.

May I add that we have in the past eight months the same arrangement with the postmaster in Philmont, N. Y., a village of about 1200 people, and display a different frame there each month also. Sometimes the frames are taken from one office to the other to save time and effort in making up the frames. No frame, however, remains for over the month in either office.

NEW ABOUT THAT 10A. CANCELLATION

From several sources we have other copies of covers from Iowa with the "10A." cancellation. However from Herbert L. Sohl of Keokuk comes the most enlightening information.

Mr. Sohl states that the "10A" in the cancel was used during practically all of the 19th century after establishment of postoffices in the state and in practically all offices and not in just a few.

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MISSOURI—Known stamps of the current Bell-Henderson decal map design are: Liquor, design in black with tall serial numbers—1c violet, 10c orange and 16c red; with short serial letters—5c yellow green, 5c green, 5c dark green 10c yellow orange, 10c orange, 16c red and 20c blue. Wine—1c carmine, 1¼c purple and grey, 2c pale blue, 2c blue and 2 ½c black.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE—George Cabot sends a new value in the Crown Tobacco Products set: 69c.

NEW JERSEY—At last a tax stamp has been issued in this, the 'final' state, by Atlantic City. This 2c blue decal bears what is obviously the city seal as the central design. It is on cream card, rouletted, 9½. Thanks to George Cabot.

TEXAS—Recent decal emmissions of this State seem quite numerous. Some are: Liquor— (1) Ovals, 10 x 12½mm, value curved, green safety card rouletted 6¼; 8c green; 12.8c purple on card perforated 10½; and 32c blue. (2) Ovals, 18 x 13mm, value in straight line, pink safety card rouletted 6¼; 16c red and 25.6c light tan.

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Liberia Honors Roosevelt

Returning home from the historic Casablanca Conference in January, 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt stopped off at Liberia. In his brief stay the late Commander-in-Chief reviewed American negro troops stationed there, paid his respects to President Edwin Barclay, and inspected the large Firestone rubber plantation.

To mark this visit, and also to memorialize the deceased President, Liberia has issued a set of three stamps—two postage and one air mail—which were placed on sale at Monrovia on November 28, according to Gimbels Stamp Department New York.

The stamps are of a single design, picturing the late President in an Army Jeep with former President Edwin Barclay, reviewing the troops.

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In the space of three years of the Jap occupation of the Phillippines, many, many things had happened — politically, economically and philatelically. Now that it can be told, of politics and economies let's leave them to politics and economists as after all we pay our taxes religiously. But, philatelically, to mention some of them here as far as this correspondent could remember, perhaps they would produce some food for thought, a smile or a sourpuss or a double horse-laff may be, as for instance—

Routine and Restricted

Cheapest thing that one could buy during the Jap occupation was the 1-centavo stamp bearing a Nipa hut. Subject stamp was sold at face value but had no local postage use. That was at the time when a kilo of brown sugar cost 800 pesos in the black market whereas it cost only six centavos per kilo before Pearl Harbor... Jap stamps were not allowed to be used as postage in the Philippines, but a number of Jap collectors—civvies, army and navy—used them regardless of the local postal directives. Purpose: Monkey-business. And some Filipino collectors whose weakness were "fancy filatelics," were the best suckers....Jap military postal cards for exclusive use of the so-called Japanese Imperial Army, popped up in Manila as early as February, 1942, and late the same year, there were about 77 different issues. The postal cards in question were allowed later on to be used by civilians for "philatelic purposes only" and they were obtained not from the PO but from Jap bazaars and Nip collectors—again, civvies, army and navy—Except for their field post or APO censor, marks which were circular in form, all Jap censor marks were rectangular/square, and one of them from northern Luzon had the appearance of a totem pole. Some of them bear some inscription in English, but of course, in bamboo English... The Mayor and Fuji pictured on the 5c occupation stamp was a "personification" of the Japs and Filipinos as oriental "brothers," according to the smoke-screen smoked out by the Jap propaganda corps in the puppet Manila papers... Two big sacks of used PI revenue stamps vs. 500 pesos in Jap invasion bills, was an entry in the purchase book of a Manila dealer... Of the 60 different occupation stamps of the Philippines, 26 of them were Japanized; and of the different cachets and special cancellations, five were Japo-Tagalog and seven were Tagalized, after the Japs had made Japanese and Tagalog as the dual "official language." Irony of it, however, there was not a standard Jap dictionary neither in the Philippines nor in Japan proper... Among the confirmed varieties on the 2c on 4c Jap "Victory" stamp (Fall of Bataan and Corrigedor, 1942), were those monikered in Manila stamp circles, viz.: (1) "Rataan, the Father;" (2) "Rataan, the Son;" and (3) "Southern Cross." And then there was the unconfirmed variety dubbed as the "Black Moon."... The letters "K. P." embossed on the 4-oz. can of the processed American cheese rationed to GI's, may stand for "Kitchen Police," but the letters "K. P." on some Jap occupation issues is the equation of "Kagamitan Pampahalaan," the Tagalog version for "Official "Businesc." And the Jap characters on ditto stamps, in Romanized Japanese reads: "Ko Yo," which stands for "O.B."

Secret and Top Secret

September 21, 1944, was the first bombing of the city of Manila by American planes, on Philippine soil, local philatelic guerrillas posted always memorial covers. . After the first bombing of Manila by the American planes, one of the local clubs held two kinds of auctions, namely; air-raid auction and all-clear auction....But, air-raid or no air-raid, speculators and investors flocked at the Manila post office, just in case... Rate of exchange especially in the last days of the occupation was 1 to 150 (1 peso Philippine genuine currency vs. 150 Jap Mickey Mouse Money) and that's why investors and speculators became Hitlers and Tojos of the stamp market and sent Philippine wartime philately into a crazy holiday....Walter Bruggmann, a prominent Manila stamp collector and a member of the American Stamp Dealers association, prior to his death in 1943, was interviewed by this correspondent one day as to why he (Bruggmann) was buying very few Jap occupation stamps only. With all candidness the old man told this correspondent that he (Bruggmann) had no faith in the future values of the Jap occupation issues.... Prices in Manila stamp auctions for pre-war issues, whether PI, US or foreign, were from 2 to 25 times catalog during the occupation.Basis: Inflation and speculation. . . Some Jap "technical" advisers at the Manila post office didn't sit on chairs: proudly they squat on them. Then, too, some of them cavorted within the massive walls of the Manila post office, just with dirty undershirts on and without any socks at all... Initials of Jap censors on all mail matters were stamped in red and Manila collectors dubbed them as "Jap lipsticks"...Patopatotum was a Latinized Tagalog version for "Vebotem Collection" built by a Manila collector during the occupation...And a Manila collector pointed out that the design on the Jap occupation stamp, 5c blue Rizal, was "chiseled" from a design of a Jose Burgos ("Champion of Filipino Clergy and precursor of Rizal,) done by a Scotch or Irish artist by the name O'Ferrell the original of which was "doctored" and streamlined and illustrated on the 12c red occupation issues, on which Burges appears like a modern Romeo with a dash of Robert Taylor....

Censored and Off-Limits

A Nazi stamp collector was the "mastermind" in the issuance of the 5c on 2c embossed stamped envelope (Juan de la Cruz) deleted with a black heavy curved bar... An Australian refugee was the "engineer" of the "Baha" (Flood) relief semi-postals (Dec. 3/43 issue), a carbon-copy of the Australian flood-relief charity stamps . . . A Filipino philatelic guerilla was the "Father of the Idea" of the "Limbagan' (Printing Press 350th anniversary issue June 20/43). Had it not been for a subject guerrilla, the 350th anniversary of the printing press in the Philippines would have passed into oblivion without any commemoration at all... A Spanish shipping magnate and a mouthful collaborator with the Japs, attempted to buy out all the pre-war stamps at the Manila post office, for no other motive than for investment and speculation purposes. The value of the stamps in question amounted to several million pesos. However, a prominent Manila collector and a French subject, screwed in and saved the stamp collector's neck, by offering his services to the postal authorities to distribute the stamps in question to the public equitably, giving to stamp collectors the highest priority... A high government official who doesn't collect stamps but simply keeps them, was saved by the tiny bits of colored paper called postage stamps when the wolf was at the door during the Jap occupation issues, comprising of paper gave, too, his house a clean bill of health from a threatening mortgage. To top it all, he enjoyed a decent living and became a stamp collector in grand style and was very particular in condition and centering... Floro Policarpio, a Manila collector, had built a complete collection of the Jap occupation isues, comprising of FD covers franked with singles and blox and in singles and blox (mint) mounted in a classy classical album. The whole collection cost him only at face value—200 pesos and 97 centavos (P200.97) in Jap Mickey Mouse Money. One day, however, he went broke and sold the whole kabuddle for twenty-five thousand pesos (P25,000), in Jap invasion money, of course. But, with that amount he was able to purchase only, a few kilos of brown sugar, some liters of rice and a dozen coconuts...And then, there was the Manila collector, who mortgaged his house for 5,000 pesos just to buy only four old Philippine stamps, listed as No. 1, 2, 3, and 4, in the Scott catalog... Certainly, you still remember the date when the United States armed forces landed at Bouganville, but a few days before that, believe it or not, the bird which "landed" atop the flagpole of the Philippine flag illustrated on the Independence stamps of the puppet Republic was discovered that it was not of Philippine species but an American eagle! That was a wham. Imagine an American eagle on a Jap occupation stamp. How: Philatelic underground.... Discovery of the American eagle in question created a furor during the occupation. The Japs raised Hell. And the equilibrum of the puppet officials at the bureau of communications was much disturbed. While the Jap military police went to trial the "bootlegger," philatelic guerrillas were enjoying hearty horse-laffs on the "smuggled" blessed American eagle. Just a case of identity of the "Death Mask" stamp of Serbia, remember?

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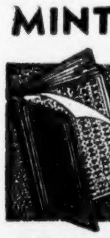
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RANDOM NOTES

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probably bcause they seem to have about slacked off, the only thing in prospect being another Texan, which willbe a centenary souvenir.

Says one man, and with reason, "We have had a series of no less than THIRTEEN stamps showing the flags of over-run and occupied nations, which certainly is carrying that part of it far enough. What I want to know is, why can't we have a flag series which will show the flags of the ALLIES? Certainly if we can issue 13 for people who were licked, we can issue seven or eight for the combination that handed Germany and Japan the big whaling. I'm for another set of flag stamps for Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and any others necessary. We sure ought to be able to compliment our partners if we can do it for the people we had to save!" save!"

Don't kid yourself, the boy has something there. It is high time we did this, and the pecuniary success of the Occupied Nations flag series ought to be an energetic reminder to the P. M. G. that people would buy them in large quantities to salt away.

But this time let's urge the P. M. General to issue 3c ones, and then we won't have to contribute an extra 66% every time we want to use one of them on a letter to a friend. Doubtless the first series was issued in 5c values because that was the postage to those countries, but as you simply couldn't send a letter to any of them, it has led to the not unwarranted suspicion that the top the extra 2c, though we haven't heard that all this extra money kick postmaster had his eye on was devoted to Allied charities stamps were! Anyway, we could use another set like that, with flags of the allies, and three-centers. They'd make uncle a lot of ready cash, even 20 million of each.

Another little squawk I hear goes back to the Famous Americans. Seven sets of them, all at once. And you could run yourself ragged trying to buy them at post offices. here are two large offices within a couple of miles of where I live, yet the only Famous Americans I met at either of them were Audubons, which gave me a pain in the base of my neck, seeing that I had always figured John James Audubon, as other people have, mostly, as a young and vigorous man, gallivanting from Labrador to Louisiana, pot-shooting game birds and painting their pictures, instead of a toothless, senile old man.

But the point this gentleman wants to make is that while commems are current, the sale of other stamps should be discontinued, which would give everyone a chance to buy them, and really make everybody realize that something is taking place. And he is right, because the present rage for obtaining them in sheets, to say nothing of all the various breeds of blocks, stems primarily from the fact that the stamps were not generally available, especially the ten-centers, and catalog prices of all the fives and tens don't bear a smidgeon of relation to their actual current market value.

However, from my jaundiced point of view, I've never been able to understand why people want to buy whole sheets or even large blox of modern stamps, because mass production and mechanical reproduction of plates eliminates anything that amounts to a hoot in the way of varieties, so it must be for one of two reasons, the first of which is the desire to speculate. Well, it took 40 or fifty years for Columbians to get where they are, and 30 or 40 for Omahas, and with an issue of 20 million, as of recent things, somebody will have to wait a long while before there are that many collectors to absorb them. In fact, I doubt very much if there are as many as THREE million serious collectors in the U. S. There's only one way to gauge this, outside of society memberships, not over ten thousand in all, and that's the Standard Catalogue. If we know how many of these are issued, (and who does outside of Arturo Zim and Hoosis Clark,) we might be able to form some kind of an estimate on a percentage basis. And as for the number of cats, issued, YOUR guess is as good as mine, and I don't know from nothing.

The other reason for this multiple collecting is a well-known psychological flair, fixation, or whatever you want to call it. It's well known to all museum curators. It's the determination that people HAVE to see things they've seen before, all over again, several times, and that makes them coll cet blocks, so they can see four of the same object—or more of it in sheets.

Of course, we have to thank the S. U. S. for all this. Before 1921, collectors who went in for blocks, except early imperfs, and things that showed recuts and such, were regarded either as reckless spendthrifts or else slightly balmy, and it was no trick at all to get a dealer to whittle a 5c '47 off a trip of three in order to supply you with a single. Of course, that was quite a while ago, and I paid just 25c for that stamp. Years later, when I got $5 for it (it was a dilly) I thought the ceiling had been cracked, but just look at it now!

Outside of these two cogent reasons, there is always the desire of collectors for things that are large, which explains why British Madagascar is popular, and why people buy all the Colombian cubiertas even if they are not in the cat. any more.

As for me, if I can manage to buy one of a kind of all the things I WANT to buy, I am going to be forced to drag out those blocks, and sell them to someone who wants them more than I do!

Allied occupation stamps for dismembered Germany must be somewhere in the picture, but so far all I have been able to gets data on are the two sets for Austria, one of sixteen, said to have been isuued by the Allied Military government, and the other of something more than six values, on sale in Vienna and Graz, and evidently a Russian production.

The first set runs from 3 Groschen to 5 Schilling, and shows merely a posthorn, numerals in upper spandrels, value in words at each side, and OSTERREICH at foot. The other one is a paraphrase of Scott's illustration for Austria, A47, but everything is straight lines. Numeral of value in upper right corner, REPUBLIK/OSTERREICH at bottom (two lines) while this time the buzzard has a sickle in one grab, and a hammer in the other, so page Joe. Values said to be 5, 6, 8, 12, 38, and 42 Gr. and some others not seen.

Meanwhile I get some wholesale quotes on the first set and they are ascribed to U. S. Occupation, on top of which there's a set of 19 issued by the new Renner Govt., and a semi-postal pictorial, 1+10, which must mean Schilling, judging from the high price, which will make it retail around $3.50, I suppose, while the Renner set will sell for about a dollar, and the U. S. Occ. set for about $1.25, the way I guess.

These prices are something different from the way the wholesalers gave us the works after the last war, when any sort of a set, with or without bona fides, cost five or six dollars - Jugoslavia for Bosnia 1L1 to 1L16, for instance, which the boys asked about $6 for, I believe. To 1L12 they asked $3, and now they list 57c. This time we have some wholesalers over here, and they are giving us a square deal.

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The fact that this stamp was pictured and designed so far ahead of its date of issue and that the color for the stamp was not announced leads to the belief that Mr. Sparks might be right in his surmise.

We quote:

The Texas statehood centennial commemorative, one of the most striking, comes as near being a "flag" stamp as any ever issued by this country.

It is unfortunate the stamp will not be multi-color. The Postoffice department said the color has not been chosen. It is possible, but not probable, the department would decide to print it in the natural colors of the two flags, particularly since this is the first time the American flag has been displayed so prominently on a stamp. That such a decision could be pending might account for the department's witholding of the color choice. However, no other state commemorative has been printed other than in a solid color.

As itemed before, the stamp was designed by Buchanan (Buck) Winn of Wimberly, Texas.

First day sale is to be December 29 at Austin, Texas and as usual collectors are permitted to send not more than ten covers for affixing stamps to the postmaster at Austin. Remittance for the stamps must be in coin or currency or in Postal Money order or Postal note. Checks are not accepted.

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—Anon

Germans Had Stamps For Use In India

We quote below a portion of a letter from Mr. J. Cooper of Los Angeles, Calif., which gives details of stamps which had been prepared by the Germans pending their occupation of India.

Have just received from Europe about seven sets of an issue which the Nazis issued for a hoped for occupation of India, marked "Azad Hind".

I shall quote from the letter in which I received them:

"These stamps were printed in Vienna by the German government for a future German-controlled India. These stamps were postally used for official courier planes between Germany and Chandos Bose or whatever the Indian Quisling called himself. They have not yet appeared on the German market, and they bring very high prices— 350 Marks ($35.00)."

Those that I received are three regular postal values, ½—1 and 2½ annas, and five semi-postals: 2 plus 2 annas 2½ plus 2½; 3 plus 3½ 8 plus 12; and 12 annas plus 1 rupee.

Designs of first two postals show Hindu native ploughing. Third values shows Hindu girl spinning. In semi postals, 2 plus two is same designs as first two postals, and the next is same design of girl spinning, 3 plus 3 is uniformed Hindu girl tending wounded soldier. Last two values show map of India with Oriental sword on each side and chain stretching across map between them. Perhaps chain represents linkup of Germany and Japan.

Death Claims Noted Washington Dealer

At this moment we have nothing more than the information that H. F. Dunkhorst of Washington, D. C. died on December 1st.

For years past, the name of H. F. Dunkhorst has ranked near the top of all Washington Stamp Dealers. In later years it appears that his activities have been less than formerly, doubtless due to advanced age.

The length of time covered by his activities in the stamp trade should make acquisition of his stock another event that will bring much stored away material into the stamp market.

We fail to find his name listed in the so called Blue Books of Philately, but since these publications were made up principally of paid insertions, many modest people never were mentioned.

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Who's Who On Navy Stamp; Eleven Boys Claim Six Positions

More and More of the sailors pictured in the original photo from which the Navy stamp was copied are claiming the distinction of being pictured on this stamp.

It is of course probable that the engraved stamp does not picture the boys with such perfection that their faces are recognizable from the stamp. It is believed however that the original photo which was supplied by the Department at Washington is taken directly from the photo as originally made at Annapolis and that this photo of the stamp is true enough that one can pick the boys with certainty.

Doubtess many of the boys in this picture are acquainted with others in their immediate group in the large photo from which this picture for the navy stamp was taken. It is therefore reasonable to believe that most all of the faces in this stamp will be recognized eventually.

Thus far, several claims have been made as to ownership of the faces shown on this stamp and a review or a list of those thus far claimed should be of interest.

According to information coming to our office, the first to lay claim to having his picture on this stamp is Coxswain Clarence R. Van Neil of Cleveland, Ohio who claims to be in the lower right corner of the stamp, immediately above the words "U. S. NAVY".

Next claimant is a Texas boy, Nathan L. Beckwith, of Borger, Texas. Beckwith is at the center of the top row, the complete face, not the neck.

Other claimants to positions on the stamp are two Pennsylvania boys, John H. Pearce of Conshohocken who occupies the spot above the word "UNITED". The other being Storekeeper First Class James E. Blount of Philadelphia, who states it is his picture above the words "U. S. NAVY". This claim contradicts that of the Cleveland Coxswain who also lays claim to this position.

An Oneonta, N. Y. boy, MM 3/C John Sillman claims to be on this stamp. A letter which comes with the clipping states that Sillman is the boy in the upper right hand corner of the stamp.

Chester Zoberski of Ironwood, is the boy immediately over the "3c" in the lower left corner.

Police Chief and Mrs. Alvin J. Smith of Chagrin Falls, Ohio lay claim to the position immediately above the word "UNITED" for their son Alvin W. Smith. This same position is claimed by John H. Pearce of Conshohocken. Pa., so we again have confusion.

From out on the West Coast we have another claimant in Seaman 1st class Joseph A. DiCarlo who claims to be the boy toward the top of the stamp above the "ST" of the word postage.

Again we have a tie in claims for the position above the "3c" in the lower left corner. Claim to this position has already been made by Chester Zoberski of Ironwood, Mich. and now we have a claim by Harry B. (Bud) Perkins Jr., nephew of the editor of The Scanda Sheet, Indianapollis Star's service men's paper.

Thus we have eight claimants out of eleven and among these duplication in three different positions. It is readily apparent that some of these claims are unfounded and we hope that later events may transpire in such manner that identification of all of these boys may be possible. We will appreciate any clippings or information our readers may find on this subject.

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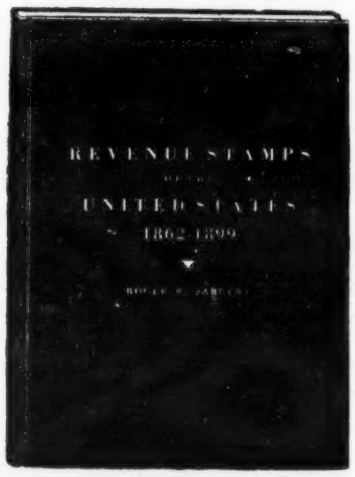

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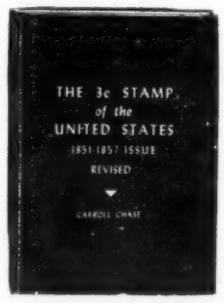

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WHEELING THE U. S. MAIL

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the mails there had to be a long period of evolution, through some early phases which now appear to us to be not only crude but laughable. The postal authorities and railway operators of those early days of a century or more ago had some tough problems to work out.

By 1838 mail cars, constructed under supervision of the post-office department, were running between Washington and Philadelphia. The first record of a clerk being appointed to have charge of the mails was in May, 1837, when John E. Kendall was appointed. On June 19 of that year, John Elliott was appointed as an agent; and in February of the following year, John Mitchell was appointed to "superintend the mails" on the run from Washington to Philadelphia.

In 1837 there were 1,497 miles of railroad in the United States, and mails were carried on 974 of them—at a cost of $307,444.00 or $17.14 per mile.

In 1840 there was a disagreement between the railroads and the government as to rates to be charged, and some postal officials developed a trick designed to beat the railroads out of their revenue. Instead of sending the mail in the regular coaches, the postoffice department resorted to having some of its agents travel regularly on the trains between Washington and Philadelphia, carrying a voluminous amount of luggage—all of which was filled with mail.

Doubtless these post-office agents had to change their disguises each trip in order to avoid detection by the railroad men, but their scheme was soon uncovered and a more dignified method of transporting the United States mails was agreed upon.

In June, 1840, two mail agents were appointed to accompany the mail from Boston to Springfield "to make exchanges of mails, attend to delivery, and receive and forward all unpaid way letters and packages received." And from that time on the number of clerks increased rapidly. The first clerks appointed were placed under the supervision of the postmaster at either one terminal of the run or the other.

The records give very little information about the character of the duties performed by clerks on railroads in the early days, but there is reason to believe that up to 1864 there was a gradual development in the scope of their work. In 1864 the distribution of all mail in the cars was begun.

There was considerable public discussion during this time over the fact that some mail trains were going as fast as 30 miles an hour, and nets were being placed on the sides of the cars to catch mail sacks at some of the smaller stations. If trains were going to bowl along at such speeds as this, it would no longer be practical to hand sacks back and forth between mail car and station.

The first mail coaches were built with two principal compartments; one for carrying the "great mail", destined for the principal terminal points, and the other for the letters and parcels consigned to the smaller way stations.

Advent of the railway mail coach brought the postal system up to the point where it was of real value to the nation, and from then on it improved.

But before this time the nation's feeble postal system was in a state of chaos most of the time, and many an eighteenth century business man who wanted to be sure an important paper reached its destination, prayerfully tucked the epistle away in an inside coat pocket and set forth on the journey to deliver it himself traveling by horseback, stagecoach, or canal boat, and sometimes ending up afoot.

Postal rates were higher in those days, too, and the good colonial burgher, thought at least twice before sending anything by mail In 1789 Jonathan Dayton, a New Jersey Congressman, had a distressing experience in this connection. He wrote to John Cleves Symmes of Cincinnati:

"The letter said to be forwarded by Major Willis was by him or some other person thrown into the post-office, and I was obliged to pay six shillings and eight pence in specie for it."

"Do not," Congressman Dayton admonished, "send your money packets by the mail, as the expense is heavy."

The lack of system in handling the mails on some of the early New England stage coach routes seemed to be deplorable. As the coach was prepared to begin its trip, all the mail for delivery along the entire route was piled into one leather sack, and had to be pawed through at each stop, with taverns often serving as post-offices.

At one tavern stop, a traveler wrote, some of the sundry characters who had been idling about the place appointed themselves as "sorters."

The leather mail sack was dragged through the mud to the tavern doorway and flung aside, where the "sorters" went to work. They "were all down upon their hands and knees on the floor, overhauling the hugh pile before them, flinging those letters which were for their office into a distant corner of the room, amongst sundry wet mops, brushes, molasses barrels, etc.; and those which were for other towns on our route were again bagged in the same gentle style, part having to undergo the same process every fifth mile of our day's journey."

Quite a contrast to the rapid and virtually infallible process through which letters pass now, when 92 per cent of all mail is carried by railroads.

Mail a letter at a corner receiving box in any good-sized town today, and it will soon be picked up by a collector truck and taken to the post-office where, with all the other collected letters, it will be placed on a large revolving FACING table preparatory to receiving the cancellation mark.

It may next go to a primary separation case where mail is packaged for the larger cities.

Just before train time, trucks take the outgoing mail to the railroad station to be turned over to a railway post-office, generally known to the public as a mail coach.

Postmaster Fred W. Lunsford, of Huntington, W. Va., a city of 85,000 on the C & O main line, explained that "we keep track of the trains carrying mail, and if we know that one is going to be late we take advantage of the additional time to get more mail aboard. Ordinarily our trucks leave the post-office for the C & O station about 30 minutes before the train is expected."

After being put aboard the railway post-office, the separate packages of mail for the larger cities are made up for the various carrier routes and large firms while the train is under way, and are thus ready for distribution as soon as the train arrives.

Some realization of the immense task involved in handling railway mail is given by Mr. Lunsford's statement that the Huntington post-office alone recorded 1,942,339 cancellations in one month of this year.

"Of course," said Mr. Lunsford, "we are just one post-ofice among a great many on the C & O system, some larger and some smaller than ours, but rarely does a letter become delayed or go astray after it is turned over to the railway post-office."

Dates Set For Auction Of Roosevelt Collection

Mr. Bernard Harmer of H. R. Harmer, Inc., international stamp auctioneers, 32 East 57th street, announces that the Franklin Delano Roosevelt stamp collection will be sold at two public auctions: February 4 and 5, 1946, and April 1 and 2, 1946. The first sale will include the late President's collection of United States and Latin American stamps. The April auction will cover miscellaneous groups and some presentation albums.

A souvenir stamp catalogue is now in preparation for each of these two collections. This catalogue will contain material of value to stamp collectors and laymen alike, and a photograph of the late President.

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